



December 14, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey Keirn, District Engineer
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Illinois Route 160 resurfacing from Trenton to New Memphis

Dear Mr. Keirn,

Please consider the following input for your 2017-2022 MYP Resurfacing (3P) project for IL Route 160 from Fourth Street in Trenton to IL161 in New Memphis.

Strava's heat map (labs.strava.com/heatmap), showing bicycle travel by users of that app, helps estimate the relative importance of roads for bicycling. For this project, Strava indicates:

- 1) Some bicycle use on IL160 through Trenton. North of Old US50, the 4800 ADT, 35mph road does not have paved shoulders (or sidewalks) – although north of the project limit does have wide shoulders. South of Old US50 to the edge of town, parking lanes (or urban shoulders) are sparsely occupied and accommodate bicycles well.
- 2) Very little bicycle use between Highline Road and Airport Road, except for 3800' between Court Road/CR 900N and Joadland Drive in New Baden. Due to a lack of good, nearby alternatives, that 3700 ADT, 40mph segment is used more by bicyclists. Also, it provides the only access to homes off of Country Lakes Drive and Lakeshore Drive on the north end of New Baden, but there are no bike or pedestrian accommodations.
- 3) A bit more bicycling on the 1700 ADT stretch from Airport Road to IL177.

Our main request is to add paved shoulders of at least 4', preferably 6' (matching IDOT's pre-2010 BDE policy on paved shoulder width for this speed and ADT), to the 3800' segment in New Baden. Adding 4-6' paved shoulders from Fourth Street to Old US50 in Trenton is a secondary priority. If any rumble strips are added, please only do so if constructed with 8" width, 4" spacing from fog line, periodic longitudinal breaks, and at least 3-4' of clear zone outside of the rumbles.

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We would be glad to discuss these and other project design issues. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Mayor Kyle Jones, City of Trenton
Mayor Christy Picard, Village of New Baden